MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TENTH DAY

Thursday, the 3rd March 1955.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Old Public Offices, Bangalore, at Twelve of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (SRI H. S. RUDRAPPA, B.SC., LL.B.) in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Bangalore Race Club (Report of the Committee set up by Government.)

Q.—44. Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY (Mysore South).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether any report has been submitted by the Committee set up by Government regarding the Bangalore Race Club ;

(*b*) the terms of reference given to the Committee ;

(*c*) if a report has been submitted, whether the same will be placed on the Table of the House ?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Please see the Government Order appended below.

(*c*) Yes.

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

HOME, FOREST AND AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENTS.

G. O. No. H. A. 2749-58—Pol. 376-53-6, dated 27th August 1954.

Committee

Constitutes a —— to look into the affairs of the Bangalore Race Club, Bangalore.

ORDER NO. H. A. 2749-58—POL. 376-53-6, DATED BANGALORE, THE 27TH AUGUST 1954.

During the Budget Session of the Mysore Legislative Assembly in 1953, one of the members brought to the notice of the Government that the income of the Bangalore Race Club has been declining, and that the affairs of the Club deserve to be examined by Government. An assurance was given by the Government on the floor of the House that the legal position as to the extent to which Government could interfere in the affairs of the Club would be examined and that Government would do their best to redress the wrongs, if any.

Government, while not desiring to interfere in the internal affairs of the Club, are interested in questions relating to the relationship of the Race Club with the Government and the public, the betting tax and other taxes, and other similar questions. There also appears to be a feeling among the public, as reflected in the Legislative Assembly that the Government should have a voice in the affairs of the Club, since its activities involve public morality and public money.

(SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.)

Having considered all aspects of the question, Government consider it desirable to constitute a Committee consisting of two members nominated by the Government, two members of the Legislature, and two members nominated by the Race Club, to go into the matter. The Bangalore Race Club was requested to nominate two members to the proposed Committee and accordingly the names of two representatives have been suggested by the Club. Government are therefore pleased to constitute a Committe consisting of the following personnel :—

Chairman.

1. The Minister for Home and Industries.

Members.

2. Sri J. B. Mallaradhya, I.A.S., Director of Public Instruction in Mysore, Bangalore.
3. Sri Mirle N. Lakshminaranappa, No. 4, Seshadri Road, Bangalore-1.
4. Sri R. Subbanna, M.L.C., No. G. 14, Rangaswamy Temple Street, Bangalore-2.
5. Sri S. Srinivasa Iyengar, M.L.A., T.-Narasipur.
6. Sri S. V. Subramaniam } *Representatives of the Bangalore Race*
7. Sri A. Raoof Sait } *Club.*

Secretary.

The Assistant Secretary to Government, Home Department, will be the Secretary to the Committee.

By Order and in the name of the Rajpramukh,

K. MOHAMED AHMED,

Secretary to Government,
Home, Forest and Agriculture Departments.

To—The Compiler, *Mysore Gazette.*
The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore, Bangalore.
The Accountant-General, Mysore, Bangalore (through Finance Department).
The Private Secretary to H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore, Mysore.
The District Magistrate, Bangalore District, Bangalore.
The District Magistrate, Mysore District, Mysore.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—May I know who is the Chairman of the Race Club ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is given in the order.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Do you mean the Chairman of the Race Club ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Yes.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I think it is Sri Medapa.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—Who is the nominee of the Government and who is the nominee of the Rajpramukh, Sir ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—The nominee of the Government is Sri Mirle Lakshminaranappa and the nominee of the Rajpramukh is Sri Medapa.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—May I know whether among these committee members, any one knows about racing?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I am told they know.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—Who is the person among these committee members who knows something about racing ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—There are two committees. . . .

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—This committee that was constituted to go into the question by the Government.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I know a little bit of racing and my friend Sri Srinivasa Iyengar knows much more.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—May I know whether the report of this committee has been accepted by Government ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Yes. Broadly.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—Sir, what is the policy of Government regarding racing ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Government want to have clean racing.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—Will it not be a wise policy if Government put an end to racing taking advantage of the circumstances in the interest of public morality ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Government have not applied their mind to that aspect of the matter.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—While considering this question, have Government taken into consideration the terms of reference given by the West Bengal Government to the Race Club Committee, Calcutta ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—We had that in view also when the committee discussed the proceedings of their work.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—What is the main reason for this Race Club non-co-operating with this Committee ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—They must be able to tell. I cannot say.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—Did this committee issue a questionnaire for the Race Club to answer ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—We asked them certain vital statistics and also certain information. The Race Club was not communicative enough to enable us to get some of the important information.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—Did this committee examine any witnesses or any of the old members that were alive ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—There were quite a number of people who wrote to us stating that they were prepared to give evidence if necessary. But unfortunately since the Race Club was not in a position to give us some of the important facts, the committee thought it was not worth-while to examine any witness on the points and that has been alluded to in the report.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—Who has given the necessary information for the committee to come to the conclusion that has been incorporated in this report ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—From the information gathered from the Government representative in the Race Club.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—Did you examine Sri Mirle Lakshminaranappa in this matter ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—He was a member of the committee. He got us all the relevant facts and information.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—Was any one else examined on behalf of the public by this committee ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—As I have already said, it was not possible for the committee to examine any witness for the reasons narrated in the report. I invite the attention of the Hon'ble Member, with reference to the particular aspect which he has in view, to the report we have submitted to this House.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—Is it not formal for any one to say that the committee has not taken all necessary facts to arrive at this conclusion ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I am not able to answer the question of the Hon'ble Member.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ವಿ. ನರಸಿಂಹರೆಡ್ಡಿ.—ರೇಸ್ ಕ್ಲಬ್ಬಿನ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಗಳಾಗಿ ಇಬ್ಬರನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ನಾಮಿನೇಟ್ ಮಾಡಿ ತೆಗೆದು ಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೋ ಅಥವಾ ರೇಸ್ ಕ್ಲಬ್ಬಿನವರ ಸಲಹೆಯಮೇರೆಗೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೊ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಹೆಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪ.—ರೇಸ್ ಕ್ಲಬ್ಬಿನವರು ನಾಮಿನೇಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—Have the Government accepted all the modifications of the rules recommended by this committee ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—As I have already said, Government have generally agreed to the recommendations of the committee.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—Have the Government thought of the contingency if the modifications are not accepted by the Club ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—If that were so, we know how to deal with it.

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is a hypothetical question.

Karimia Rice Mill at Narasipur.

Q. 58.—**Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR** (T-Narasipur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that any of the officers of the Anti-corruption Committee paid a surprise visit to the Karimia Rice Mill at Narasipur sometime in the month of November 1954 or near about that date ;

(*b*) if so, the reasons for their visit and the report they have made ;

(*c*) the action taken by the concerned authorities on the report ;

(*d*) the total quantity of paddy purchased at Government cost and stored in this mill in the years 1942 to 1954 ?

A.—**Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA** (Minister for Home and Industries).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) On receipt of the information that certain irregularities were committed by the Proprietor of the Mills.

(*c*) The Director of Food Supplies has sent a report to Government and final orders are about to be passed by them.

(*d*) 152,011 pallas and 48 seers of paddy.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸಯ್ಯಂಗಾರ್.—ಲಂಚ ನಿರೋಧ ಸಮಿತಿಯವರು ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೇನಾದರೂ ವರದಿಯನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೆ ಎಂದು ಕೇಳಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿಲ್ಲ. ಏನಾದರೂ ವರದಿಯನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೆ ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Yes. We have received a report. Here in this case, the Director of Anti-Corruption and the Director of Food Supplies are one and the same. I have received a report from the Director of Food Supplies.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸಯ್ಯಂಗಾರ್.—ಹಾಗೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿದ್ದರೆ ಏನು ವರದಿಯನ್ನು ಕಳುಹಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪ.—ಆಗಲೇ ಅರಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡೆ, irregularities ಆಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸಯ್ಯಂಗಾರ್.—ಯಾವ ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ irregularities ಆಗಿವೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I will tell you. 323 ಪಲ್ಲ, 16 ಸೇರು ಬತ್ತ ಕಡಮೆಯಿತ್ತು, 278 ಪಲ್ಲ ಹೊಟ್ಟು, 60 ಪಲ್ಲ ತೌಡು ಇತ್ತು ಆ ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸಯ್ಯಂಗಾರ್.—ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಬತ್ತದ ಕಣಜದಲ್ಲಿ 268 ಪಲ್ಲ ಹೊಟ್ಟಿನ ಮೂಟೆ ಇತ್ತೆಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಅಲ್ಲಟ್ಟಿದ್ದರೆ ? (ನಗು !)

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪ.—ಇಲ್ಲ, ನಾವು ಇಟ್ಟಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸಯ್ಯಂಗಾರ್.—ಹಾಗಾದರೆ, ಬತ್ತದ ಕಣಜದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಟ್ಟಿನ ಮೂಟೆ ಹೇಗೆ ಬಂತು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪ.—ಇದನ್ನು ತನಿಖೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸಯ್ಯಂಗಾರ್.—ಬತ್ತದ ಕಣಜ ಯಾರ ಅಡಳಿತದಲ್ಲಿದೆ ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Well, according to the agreement that will have been entered into by the Rice Mill Owner, all those arrangements are there.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸಯ್ಯಂಗಾರ್.—ಲಂಚ ನಿರೋಧ ಇಲಾಖೆಯವರು ತನಿಖೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ತಾರೀಖು ಯಾವುದು ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Yes. I can give you. 16th November 1954.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸಯ್ಯಂಗಾರ್.—ಪ್ರತಿ ತಿಂಗಳ ಆಖೈರಿನಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ದಾನ್ಯಾನನ್ನು ತನಿಖೆಮಾಡಿ, ಸರಿಯಾಗಿದೆಯೆಂದು ಸರ್ಟಿಫಿಕೇಟು ಕೊಡಬೇಕಲ್ಲವೆ ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—All those are matters of detail, which I will examine. It is a fact that certain irregularities have been observed, as I have already brought to your notice.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸಯ್ಯಂಗಾರ್.—ಬತ್ತವಿದ್ದ ಕಣಜದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಟ್ಟಿನ ಮೂಟೆಯನ್ನಿಟ್ಟದ್ದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ, ಅವರ